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FOLLOWING RECD FROM MADRAS DATED MAR 15, BEING RPTD TO YOU

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SUBJECT: TAMIL NADU NON-GAZETTED EMPLOYEES END THEIR STRIKE

1. THE TAMIL NADU NON-GAZETTED EMPLOYEES (NGO'S) HAVE ENDED THEIR 11-DAY STRIKE AND RETURNED TO WORK ON MARCH 15. ON MARCH 11 CHIEF MINISTER M.G. RAMACHANDRAN (MGR) ANNOUNCED INTERIM RELIEF OF RUPEES TEN AND FIFTEEN ESPECTIVELY FOR NGO'S EARNING LESS THAT RUPEES TWO HUNDRED AND FOR THOSE EARNING MORE, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1978. MGR ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE INTERIM RELIEF WOULD BE ADJUSTED LATER AGAINST THE PAY COMMISSION'S AWARD, WHICH WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED FROM THE SAME DATE. THE CHIEF MINISTER ALSO CONCEDED THE DEMAND OF THE NGO'S FOR A CHANGE IN THE WORKING HOURS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICES. HOWEVER HE REJECTED THE OTHER DEMANDS, AND APPEALED TO THE STRIKERS TO ACCEPT THE OFFER AND RETURN TO WORK FORTHWITH. MGR ALSO REFUSED TO HOLD ANY FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STRIKERS UNTIL THEY RETURNED TO THEIR JOBS AND REJECTED THEIR DEMAND FOR GREATER

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INTERIM RELIEF.

2. ALTHOUGH THE STRIKE CONTINUED ON MARCH 13 AND 14, THERE WERE SIGNS THAT MOST OF THE NGO'S WERE READY TO ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER. THE UNIONS OBVIOUSLY GAVE IN AND CALLED OFF THE STRIKE. THE STATE GOVERNMENT WAS SYMPATHETIC TO GRANTING A SMALLER INTERIM RELIEF THAN THAT DEMANDED EVEN THOUGH IT

WILL COST THE STATE GOVERNMENT ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES OF
RS 11.66 CRORES A YEAR. MGR WAS REPORTEDLY SINCERE AND
CONCILLIATORY IN DEALING WITH THE NGO'S, AND HIS ATTITUDE IS
SAID TO HAVE PROMPTED THEM TO END THEIR AGITATION.
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